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Title: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES  
Group Art Unit: 3634  
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**RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004 FOR WHICH RESPONSE IS DUE BY April 21, 2004. Accordingly this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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